



SCORE ATLANTA CHAPTER RANKS No.2 IN THE NATION

The rankings are in and the Atlanta chapter of the SCORE Association has been rated No. 2 nationally in number of face-to-face small business counseling sessions in the fiscal year which ended September 30.

Among the organization's 389 chapters only New York bested Atlanta and that by a mere 2 sessions. The tally: New York, 5,769 sessions; Atlanta, 5,767 sessions.

As a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), SCORE has, since 1964, provided free and confidential business advice to 6.5 million small business men and women through its network of more than 10,500 volunteer retired and active business owners, managers, and executives.

"Coming in so close to New York is a real achievement," declares Tom Clark, Atlanta chapter chairman. "When you figure the comparative small business populations, Atlanta did a terrific job in the past year."

Face-to-face counseling is only part of the picture, according to Clark. The Atlanta chapter also offers e-mail counseling for those whose business schedules make it difficult to see a counselor.

Part of the Atlanta chapter's success comes from its outreach satellite offices. In addition to the main downtown location, SCORE/Atlanta offices can be found at the Cobb Chamber of Commerce, Alpharetta, the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, and at the Newnan-Coweta Chamber of Commerce.

Small business owners and those contemplating going into business are invited to visit www.scoreatlanta.org for counselor arrangements or to set up e-mail sessions. While on the site, entrepreneurs are encouraged to sign up for SCORE workshops and seminars, a mainstay of its services.

"SCORE is driven by a single philosophy," Chairman Clark declares. "We want every small business to succeed."

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Note to editor: For more info on SCORE/Atlanta, e-mail office@scoreatlanta.org or call 404-331-0121. For detailed background material visit the SCORE national site or www.sba.gov. The association is headquartered in Washington, D.C. with 389 chapters throughout the United States and its territories.